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# *The Ursula Laurus Citation*

awarded to

in recognition of distinguished service to the  
COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE  
in furthering the high ideals and the rich  
traditions of Ursuline education.

Presented the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1987

President



MARY E. MANIFOLD '27

After Mary received her Master of Education degree, she taught commercial subjects in the Worcester High Schools. She was the recipient of many educational honors for the excellent training her students received.

Mary was one of the founders of the early Worcester Alumnae Chapter. She actively supported the Chapter as well as all the various New England Chapters. She has held various offices in the Worcester Chapter as well as Secretary and President. Many of the young women who became students at the College of New Rochelle were the results of Mary's encouragement and love for her Alma Mater.

As a humanitarian she has earned the title of "Good Neighbor" for the comfort and cheer she has brought to the lonely and handicapped. She has always been active in her Parish work.

The Ursula Laurus Citation is the College's acknowledgment of her generous devotion and to the high ideals of the College of New Rochelle.

MARY CATHERINE O'CONNOR '32

"Loyal, interesting and frank, - who could ask more of a friend"? Words used to describe Mary in the ANNALES, 1927, still ring true and strong.

Her long career with the Federal Government was recognized when she received the Department of Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Retiring as Personnel Director in 1971, Mary continued her love affair with New York City. A member of Community Board 6, since 1978, Mary was elected as Chairman in 1983. Her devotion to the East Side and the preservation and extension of its public Amenities continue high on her list of priorities. The League of Women Voters, East Midtown Community Council, The Womens' City Club, Murray Hill SRO Project and Holy Family Parish Council are all beneficiaries of her deep commitment to her neighbors and city.

A loyal member of the Class of 1932, Mary has served as Reunion Chairman and Class President. With great pleasure, the College of New Rochelle presents Mary, the Ursula Laurus Citation.



MADelyn CLARE CASSIDY '37

M-----Multifaceted  
A-----Altruistic  
D-----Dedicated  
G-----Generous  
E-----Enthusiastic

Madge, a doer and organizer in her undergraduate days at CNR and to this day is dedicated to the promotion of the "Dearest College" among her many professional and social contacts. She is a member of the Alumnae/i Council and for the past several years has been the '37 Class Fund Agent. Through her untiring efforts and work '37 has been in the Top 10 for the last two years.

After College, the Cranford School System had the benefit of her total dedication to her field and students for 34 years. She took early retirement to care for her ill mother. She now serves her own parish school - St. John Nepomucen as Librarian and Lunch Program Coordinator.

Among her community service activities are membership in the Little Ferry Guild of Hackensack Hospital; Ladies Auxiliary of the Weekhawken Elks; the N.E.A. and the N.J.E.A. And, the Salvation Army, Deborah Hospital, Eyes for the Needy and the St. Vincent de Paul have benefited from having Madge serve on their committees and contribute positive input.

In her parish she is a member of the Liturgy Committee, the Parish Council, Choir and as a member of the Altar Society daily prepares the altar and sacristy for the celebration of Mass. For special holy days such as Christmas and Easter she assumes responsibility for decorations, flowers, etc.

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On this her 50th Reunion Year and for the reasons cited and so many more it is a privilege and pleasure to salute Madge and present her with the Ursula Laurus Citation.



JANE DUFFY NOONAN '37

Artist, athlete, wife, mother, teacher and traveler are a few of the titles that describe Jane Duffy Noonan. Her years of service as art teacher, girl scout leader and deep involvement in PTA activities (on both the local and state level) testify to her interest and devotion to the young.

The town of Baldwin has benefited by her participation in community affairs. A member of the Alert Baldwin Citizens, treasurer of the Bay Colony Property Association and CCD instructor point up her varied interests.

A loyal Ursuline alumna, Jane has served the college and particularly the Class of '37 in many ways. Presently, she is a member of the Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors and a committee chairperson. Over the years, her classmates have benefited from her arrangements for class luncheons and other gatherings to keep them in touch with one another and the college. Even during her travels to far off places, she has visited with fellow Ursuline alumnae.

To quote Annales '37 her talents then included "generous giving, wide acquaintance that was more than casual and steady friendship." These attributes have been honed and polished over the years. For these reasons, the College of New Rochelle is grateful for so giving an alumna. We delight in recognizing Jane Duffy Noonan by awarding her the Ursula Laurus Citation.

MARCELLA NEWCOMB HYDE '37

For nearly thirty-five years, in the Southeastern tip of Florida, a warm, vibrant and dedicated member of the Class of 1937 has lived, raised a family, and served the volunteer needs of her parish and community. This has all been accomplished in an atmosphere as cheerful as the proverbial Florida sun.

Marcella Newcomb Hyde and her husband, Bernard, have raised a family of nine children and are now the proud grandparents of ten. With the quiet and determined gentleness which captivates those who know her, Marcella has made herself available to assist all who need her services and care. Holy Family Church in North Miami, its Women's Club and school activities, has been her focus of attention for years. No task was too small for Marcella and with her charm and warm style, she befriended those in need. If a task needed to be accomplished, she was the busy person who could always find the extra time and energy to do more. For years the alumnae of the Miami area have been supported and cultivated by her efforts.

Not only a homemaker and volunteer, Marcella has been a marvelous wife and helpmate to her husband, Bernard. Stricken with polio in the early 1950's, she has given him the encouragement to be active and enjoy life. She "makes his day," and they share in the great love and warmth of a close-knit family.

On the occasion of this special golden anniversary reunion, the College of New Rochelle is proud to salute and honor this special alumna, special wife and "very special Mom" with the Ursula Laurus Citation.



KATHERINE TURNER KIRBY '42

What more can be said of a person than that she is involved - in the rearing of a wonderful family, in the needs of the community where she has lived for many years, in the lives of the youth, the schools, the parish of that community. Never one to dodge responsibility, KATHERINE TURNER KIRBY is always willing to say yes.

Kay has been an active member of the American Association of University Women for over 30 years, holding almost every office in the Garden City Chapter. She received a citation from the New York State Association for her editing of the AAUW Bulletin.

Kay was a founder of the AAUW Paid and Voluntary Employment Service, providing jobs for hundreds of high school and college students. She helped raise a student loan fund of \$150,000 from which students could borrow for their college tuition at low interest rates.

During the 1970's, the AAUW made a study of the Juvenile Court System which prompted Kay and others to found the "Court Guide Program." They sponsored class trips to various courts in Nassau County for 5th and 6th grade citizenship classes from public and parochial schools in Mineola, Hempstead and Garden City. A mock trial would be first staged in the classroom, to prepare the students to understand the workings of our courts, then a field trip to witness a trial in court. A classic lesson in civics, repeated several times a year for the past eleven years, the program was a notable first in law-related education!

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AAUW has recognized Kay's many contributions by honoring her by a Named Grant Fellowship in Postgraduate Study for Women.

Active in her local PTAs, she was a board member for the summer school and adult education programs, and the Citizens Advisory Committee to upgrade community schools. She served her parish, working on Blood Bank and study clubs. For CNR and for '42, she has been a long-time calm and efficient class fund chairman.

Kay has given of herself over the years to help others in true Ursuline tradition - where she is needed, she has never said no. We are proud today to say thank you, Kay, for all you have done for so many, with this URSULA LAURUS Citation.



ANN CAREY DOUGHERTY '47

Ann Carey Dougherty, because you have been an innovator and because of your abiding interest in the causes of women and ecumenism, today the College of New Rochelle is honoring you.

Reviewing the highlights of your pursuits will illustrate the degree of your commitment to these issues.

For eighteen years, from 1951-1969, you worked for the Girl Scouts of America. Serving as a director for twelve years you honed your skills in adult education through meetings, discussions and training sessions with troop leaders.

In the early 60's you served as president of the Western New York Alumnae Chapter, introducing a successful series of recollection days, jointly sponsored by St. Mary's, Indiana. Even then, these were ecumenical, including protestant friends.

On the parish level in the late 60's you formed and served on the first school advisory board in the diocese. For eight years you helped to implement a children's mass study program for the public school students.

On the scholastic front, having returned to college, you received an M.A. in religious education from Canisius College, Buffalo, in 1972. Since then, you have attended seminars and workshops at four institutions of higher learning, continuing your own spiritual and intellectual development.

The same year you received your degree in religious studies, you pioneered the establishment of an adult religious education center. Known as the Christian Studies Forum, the center was ecumenically integrated, drawing upon local catholic and mainline christian churches and competent laity for its faculty. You were its founder and director

serving in the latter capacity for ten years, from 1972-1982. You taught well, some of the courses being: Discipleship, on Being a Christian, Women and God, Women and Self, and Women and the Church.

In 1982 you became a part time lecturer of the Religious Studies Department at Canisius College, teaching two courses: Religious Search for Meaning and Feminine Role in Religion.

Since 1984 you have been a presentor in the Women of Spirit Lecture Series which reclaims the stories of women from Genesis to the present day. In process now are your efforts to establish a Womens' Center at Newman, Main Street, The University of Buffalo Catholic Student Center.

Together with your husband Charles, who is your biggest booster, you raised your children: Charles, Jr., Paul and Ellen, providing a loving, caring, open, active environment. His encouragement has enabled you to carry on with your work.

Ann Carey Dougherty, it is with pride and joy over your past, present and future accomplishments that the College presents you with the URSULA LAURUS Citation.



Currently a full professor of Sociology at the University of Southern Maine, Madeleine Giguere's research has been published in several journals and has been presented at many symposiums throughout the United States and Canada. Professor Giguere served as a member of the Maine Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and for years as a Trustee of the Lewiston, Maine public library. Her contributions have allowed the Lewiston library to develop its French collection into the largest of any public library in New England.

She is a member of numerous professional associations, several Franco-American organizations, and is a founding member of the Centre d' Heritage Franco-American.

Her demographic research has provided for the first time scientifically sound information on the numerical strength of the Franco-Americans as well as insights into their social patterns. This new body of knowledge has been a key factor in the creation of several federally funded projects for Franco-Americans working in the public sector, to provide positive role models for young Franco-Americans, and to raise funds exclusively for educational endeavors for the benefit of the community.

Lewiston Mayor Alfred A. Piourde called her "a role model for all young Franco-Americans in our city and our state." In 1986 the award of ACTION for Franco-Americans in the northeast was granted in recognition of her work.

The editorial page of the SUN, Lewiston, Maine newspaper referred to her honor so - "the state of Maine, indeed all of New England is richer because of her work."

Her classmates quickly discovered in 1943 a brilliant intellect, a scholarly integrity, and a warm and gracious French charm. They rejoice today that these attributes have been recognized by her scholastic peers, by her community, and by the nation. She exemplifies the ideals of Ursuline education in her life and in her scholarship.

The College of New Rochelle with great pride and admiration awards the Ursula Laurus Citation to Madeleine Dinora Giguere.

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MARGARET HUGGER McMAHON '52

The College of New Rochelle is proud to present the Ursula Laurus Citation to Margaret Hugger McMahon.

Peggy, as she is known to her friends, is the mother of four children all of whom are college graduates. Patricia is the mother of three girls; Christopher, an Associate Professor at the United States Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, New York; Timothy, in training for the United States Navy Air Force, and Peter who recently completed the University of Maryland in three years.

A student herself, Peggy has completed and earned degrees from Wesley Theological Seminary with an M.T.S. in Biblical Theology; from Johns Hopkins University an M.A. in Semitic Languages and from Catholic University of America an M.A. in Biblical Studies. She will complete her M.S.W. in May from the University of Maryland.

Peggy has contributed many hours of her time to CNR alumnae/i activities. She has served on committees as well as chaired them. She has worked as an alumnae representative and was very active in the Washington, D.C. Chapter, serving as its president.

As a member of St. Bartholomew's Parish, she was on the CCD Board, the Parish Council and a teacher in the CCD program. She worked in the parish as the Director of Religious Education.

For many years, it was her goal to assist those involved in drugs and alcohol to return to the community. This has been realized with the establishment of Pathway House in Bethesda, Maryland.

The College of New Rochelle is happy to recognize Margaret Hugger McMahon, Class of 1952, for her distinguished service to her Alma Mater and her community by presenting her with this Ursula Laurus Citation.

PATRICIA KERPEN HATCHER '57

Boundless energy and a sincere interest in people have always distinguished Pat Kerpen Hatcher. Her interests are many and varied but mainly oriented toward helping others.

Consistent in her beliefs and convictions, Pat has given dedicated service to her family, church, Alma Mater and community.

As the mother of six children and the proud grandmother of three, the pressing demands of a large family have not prevented Pat from serving as a CCD instructor, vice-president of the Westlake High School PTA, and member of the Valhalla Players. She has served as treasurer and vice-president of the White Plains Alumnae Club. She has volunteered with community groups to aid senior citizens and the handicapped.

Deeply involved with the Right-to-Life movement since its beginning, Pat now serves as Westchester's chairperson. She was instrumental in establishing the assistance program for problem pregnancies and is a member of their speakers bureau.

It is an honor for the College of New Rochelle to award the Ursula Laurus Citation to Patricia Kerpen Hatcher as a tribute to her ideals of service and dedication to her fellow man.

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RAE B. CONDON '62

Rae Condon is a woman of her time. Upon graduation from CNR, Rae entered Boston College Law School, earning her law degree in 1965. Within a short time she became a partner in the firm of Swan, Keeney Jenckes and Asquith in Providence. Member of both the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Bar Association, she has served on many of their committees, has been Director of the Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. and head of the Rhode Island Women Lawyers' Association.

In 1977 she was selected by the State of Rhode Island to be Executive Director and lawyer for the newly established State Conflict of Interest Commission. Chosen from a field of 26 candidates, this assignment allowed her to channel her deep interest in government in a practical and timely manner. It was not without its sacrifices, as she had to relinquish her private practice and many of her organizational affiliations.

Active in Catholic educational concerns, Rae has been a member of the Regional School Board of Pawtucket and a member of her parish council. Always willing to help with alumnae/i activities in Rhode Island, she continues to be a visible and vibrant alumna.

We are proud to bestow the Ursula Laurus Citation on her.

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DOROTHY PODESTA HARRIS '67

With deep conviction, Dorothy Podesta Harris pursues courses and programs which she feels are important. New Rochelle is fortunate to be one of Dorothy's predominant interests.

With untiring efforts, Dorothy has worked to advance the welfare of the College. She has served her class well as Class Fund Agent and currently as Chair of the college-wide Annual Giving Committee.

A friendly manner and a generous spirit were the characteristics that distinguished Dorothy as a student at CNR; the same combination has undoubtedly enabled her to live the kind of life that today qualifies her as a super wife and mother. After graduation, Dorothy pursued a career combining her art and business interests. Now her family is the focal point of her efforts.

By awarding Dorothy the Ursula Laurus Citation, the College of New Rochelle recognizes her service and dedication to the institution and to its ideals.



EILEEN STAVINSKY NIEDZWIECKI SAS '72

Whether in New Rochelle, Chicago, London or San Francisco, Eileen Niedzwiecki has willingly been on call for the College of New Rochelle. As an undergraduate her involvement was always 100%, be it swimphony or student government committee work. As a dorm director and later Director of Housing, it was evident that Eileen's leadership skills were outstanding.

After moving to Chicago, Eileen found CNR to be a link in establishing new friends. In San Francisco, her ability to plan and participate made many a CNR event a success while hosting our President, Sister Dorothy Ann Kelly, O.S.U.

Loyal alumna is only one of Eileen's many talents. Her beautiful children, Kate, Allison, Sarah, and Alex are proof of her loving skills as a mother. While managing her family, Eileen still finds time to serve as a CCD instructor, PTA member, Mothers Club participant and good friend.

In recognition of her loyalty to CNR and service to home, school and church, the College of New Rochelle awards Eileen the Ursula Laurus Citation.

